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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (it's hot! and humid!) Editor:

Charleston is always festive this time of year basically because everyone comes here to visit the beaches. And, during late May and early June, there is the **Spoletto Music Festival** begun in 1977 by **Gian Carlo Menotti**.


Anyway, I have enjoyed being cool indoors and working on the June issue of **ATG**. This issue has two great guest editors. First, **Margo Warner Curl** has put together a series of articles on **Cooperative Collection Development** from a variety of perspectives — Russian and East European Studies (**Gregory Walker**), East Asian studies (**Kim Armstrong**), print journal archives at the University of California (**Dr. Cynthia Shelton**), religious studies (**Paul Jenkins**), liberal arts colleges (**Marian Shilstone**), and U.S. government documents (**Mary Prophet**, **Megan Fitch**, and **Joy He**).

Second, **Steve McKinzie** has produced a special report on another timely issue — **Peer Review: Past, Present and Future** which includes contributions by **Mark Herring**, **Gerry McKiernan**, **Barbara Fister**, **Peter Suber**, **Beverlee French**, **Catherine Candee**, and **John Ober**, and **Michael Mabe**.

We have interviews with **Ron Klausner (ProQuest)**, **Christopher Warnock (ebrary)**, and **John Riley (Eastern Book)**. Besides many of our regular columns, we have a **Biz of Acq** on consolidation in acquisitions departments, a view from the sixth **Fiesole Collection Development Retreat**, a discussion of **XML**, a **Group Therapy** on using subscription agents for electronic subscriptions, and an article on **Laura Cohen's URL Clearinghouse**.



Anyway, we all have plenty of reading ahead of us. In the meantime, I think I will get out my beach towel and go get wet in the surf.

Happy Summer!
Yr. Ed. 



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ing the main **Charleston Conference Director** for the past decade, Rosann has been Assistant Dean for Technical and Access Services at **The Pennsylvania State University Libraries** since June of 1999. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Director for Technical Services at the University Libraries at **Florida State University**. UNC-G is an old Alma Mater of mine. I spent two years there in the Woman's College but I am not going to tell you the date. Hooray and Congratulations, Rosann!
<http://library.uncg.edu/whatsnews/news.asp>

More library director news. **Lynn Sutton** is the new director at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at **Wake Forest University** effective August 1. Prior to this, Lynn was interim associate dean at **Wayne State University Libraries** in Detroit. She serves on the **American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee**. Lynn earned a Bachelor of Arts in classical Greek and a Master of Arts in Library Science from the **University of Michigan**. For more information, see "WFO names director of Z. Smith Reynolds Library" by **Jacob McConico**.

<http://www.wfu.edu/wfunews/2004/042804s.html>

And, **Lynn** (above) is the wife of **Alibris' Bill Kane** <billk@alibris.com>. Bill says that **Alibris** is letting him take his job with him. when he moves with his wife to Winston-Salem. Hooray on all counts! <http://www.alibris.com/library>

Speaking of **Alibris**. Was talking to the if-he's-retired-you'd-never-know-it **Jack Walsdorf** <jackjuno@teleport.com> the other day. He tells me that he will be attending the **Charleston Conference** in November representing **Alibris**. Did you know that Jack lettered in high school football, playing three years as a fullback and defensive tackle and was voted All Conference in the Eastern Wisconsin league his junior year? Jack will give a talk to his **High School Football Alumni Association** this August. His topic will be "The Glory Days Recalled: A Senior Looks Back". Jack's home town of Kiel, Wisconsin is celebrating their Sesquicentennial and Jack's talk will be part of the celebration. These rare bookmen are sure versatile.

And speaking of **Jack Walsdorf** (above) I just got a copy of the most recent **Logos, the Journal of the World Book Community** (v.15#1, 2004). This 14-year-old journal has "pioneered the proposition that the printed word can and should cohabit constructively with the electronic formats and routinely publishes articles by experts exploring ways in which this concept can be realized." Jack will be running a session in Charleston about **Logos' "Literature of the Book"** project, "select bibliographies of the best books for each of the book professions."
www.whurr.co.uk/PJBW/IntroCentre.Fr.html

Recently got word that the hard-working **Frances C. Wilkinson** <fwilkins@unm.edu> will be promoted to the rank of full Professor effective July 1, 2004! Hooray!

More versatility. **Jack Montgomery** <jack.montgomery@wku.edu> was awarded the **2004 Western Kentucky University Faculty Award from University Libraries for Public Service**. **Bryan Carson** was the **University Librarian**

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Dear Editor:

Against the Grain is an excellent publication and one that folks pay attention to. I read it every month.

I look forward to meeting you in Charleston this year.

Best wishes,

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ALA Midwinter	Dec. 04/Jan. 05	11/03/04	11/24/04

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